

23 August 1839.—3 VICT.

(Ireland.)

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[AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE]

To continue to the Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland certain of the Privileges now enjoyed by that Corporation, subject to certain Conditions.

[N. B.—The Clauses marked (A.) to (D.) were added by the Committee.]

WH **H** **E** **R** **E** **S** the Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland at different times advanced, for the Public Service, to his late Majesty King GEORGE the Third, three several sums of Six hundred thousand Pounds, Five hundred thousand Pounds, and One million two hundred and fifty thousand Pounds, late Irish currency; and to his late Majesty King GEORGE the Fourth, a sum of Five hundred thousand Pounds, like currency:

And whereas by virtue of an Act passed in the Parliament of Ireland in the twenty-first and twenty-second years of the reign of his Majesty King GEORGE the Third, intituled, "An Act for establishing a Bank by the Name of the Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland;" and of another Act passed in the said Parliament of Ireland in the thirty-first year of the said reign, for extending the provisions of the said first-recited Act; and of another Act passed in the said Parliament of Ireland in the thirty-sixth year of the said reign, intituled, "An Act for securing the Payment of the Annuities, and of the Interest upon the Principal Sums therein provided, for and towards the Discharge of such Principal Sums in such manner as therein is directed, and for enabling the Officers of his Majesty's Treasury to receive certain Sums for a limited time in manner therein mentioned, and for granting unto his Majesty a certain Sum of Money

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- out of the Consolidated Fund, and for applying a certain Sum of Money therein mentioned for the Service of the Year One thousand seven hundred and Ninety-six, and for other purposes;" and of another Act passed in the said Parliament of Ireland in the thirty-seventh year of the said reign, for further extending the provisions of the said first-recited Act; and of another Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom in the forty-eighth year of the said reign, intituled, "An Act for further extending the Provisions of several Acts for establishing the Bank of Ireland, and for empowering the Governor and Company of the said Bank to advance the Sum of One million two hundred and fifty thousand Pounds, Irish Currency, towards the Service of the Year One thousand eight hundred and Eight;" and of another Act passed in the first and second years of the reign of his Majesty King GEORGE the Fourth, intituled, "An Act to establish an Agreement with the Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland for advancing the Sum of Five hundred thousand Pounds, Irish Currency; and to empower the said Governor and Company to enlarge the Capital Stock or Fund of the said Bank to Three Millions;" and of another Act passed in the third year of the said last-mentioned reign, intituled, "An Act to reduce the Rate of Interest payable on the Sum of One million two hundred and fifty thousand Pounds, advanced by the Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland for the Public Service, under an Act made in the forty-eighth year of his late Majesty;" and of another Act passed in the first year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, "An Act to postpone until the First day of January One thousand eight hundred and Thirty-nine, the Repayment of certain Sums advanced by the Bank of Ireland for the Public Service;" and of another Act passed in the first and second years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, "An Act further to postpone until the First day of January One thousand eight hundred and Forty the Repayment of certain Sums advanced by the Bank of Ireland for the Public Service;" two several annuities of Thirty thousand Pounds and Twenty-five thousand Pounds are now payable to the Governor and Company of the said Bank, and their successors for ever, in respect of the said sum of Six hundred thousand Pounds and the first hereinbefore mentioned sum of Five hundred thousand Pounds, subject nevertheless to redemption, as in the said Acts mentioned; and an annuity of Fifty thousand Pounds is now payable to the Governor and Company of the said Bank in respect of the said sum of One million two hundred and fifty thousand Pounds; and interest at the rate of Four Pounds per centum per annum is now also payable to the Governor and Company of the said Bank on the said secondly hereinbefore mentioned sum of Five hundred thousand Pounds until the First day of January One thousand eight hundred and Forty, unless such sums should be sooner repaid; and such two last-mentioned sums are, under the

37 Geo. 3,
c. 36.48 Geo. 3,
c. 368.1 & 2 Geo. 4,
c. 72.3 Geo. 4,
c. 26.

1 Vict., c. 30.

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the provisions of the said Acts, to be repaid to the Governor and Company of the said Bank on the said First day of January One thousand eight hundred and Forty :

And whereas, under the provisions of the said Acts or some of them, the exclusive privileges of the Governor and Company of the said Bank may, on repayment of the said several sums of money so advanced, and payment of all arrears of the said annuities and interest, and on the giving of certain notices in the said Act mentioned, be terminated, and the Corporation of the Governor and Company of the said Bank may be dissolved :

And whereas the said Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland have agreed that the respective sums of Five hundred thousand Pounds and One million two hundred and fifty thousand Pounds, late Irish currency, advanced by them for the Public Service, and now repayable to them on the First day of January One thousand eight hundred and Forty, shall be repaid at the time and in the manner and upon the terms and conditions hereinafter mentioned ; and they have also agreed that the interest on the several sums advanced by them as aforesaid of Six hundred thousand Pounds, Five hundred thousand Pounds, One million two hundred and fifty thousand Pounds, and Five hundred thousand Pounds, all late Irish currency, shall be reduced, provided the privilege of exclusive banking specified in this Act is continued to the said Governor and Company for the period and with the modifications specified in this Act ;

BE it therefore Enacted, by The QUEEN's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, THAT so much of the said Acts as relates to the dissolving of the said Corporation of the Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland, upon the notice and payments therein mentioned, and also so much of the said Acts as provides that the hereinbefore mentioned respective sums of Five hundred thousand Pounds and One million two hundred and fifty thousand Pounds, late Irish currency, shall be repaid on the First day of January One thousand eight hundred and Forty, shall be and the same is and are hereby Repealed ; and that the Governor and Company of the said Bank of Ireland, and their successors, shall remain, continue and be one body corporate and politic, by the name of the Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland aforesaid, and continue to hold and enjoy all and every the capacities, privileges and advantages whatsoever, to which the said Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland now are, or before the passing of this Act were, entitled by the said several hereinbefore recited Acts, or any other Act or Acts of Parliament, and by their charter,

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with the limitations and for the period, and upon the terms and conditions hereinafter mentioned, and subject to the termination of all such capacities, privileges and advantages, at the time and in the manner in this Act specified.

2.
Interest on
500,000 £. and
500,000 £. due
to Bank
reduced to
Three-and-a-
half per Cent.

And be it Enacted, That from and after the Twenty-fourth day of 5
June in this present year, there shall be paid and payable for ever,
but subject to the condition of redemption hereinafter mentioned, at
the receipt of Her Majesty's Exchequer in Dublin, to the Governor
and Company of the said Bank of Ireland, out of the Consolidated
Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, an interest 10
or annuity of Thirty-five thousand five hundred and thirty-eight
Pounds Nine Shillings and Two-pence, British currency, being a sum
equal to the amount of the whole interest of the said sums of Six
hundred thousand Pounds and Five hundred thousand Pounds, late
Irish currency, at the rate of Three Pounds Ten Shillings per centum 15
per annum, and which annuity or interest shall be paid by two equal
half-yearly payments to the Governor and Company of the said Bank,
without any defalcation or abatement, on the Twenty-fourth day of
June and the Twenty-fifth day of December in each year, the first
payment of the said annuity or interest to be made on the Twenty- 20
fifth day of December in this present year; and the said annuity of
Thirty-five thousand five hundred and thirty-eight Pounds Nine Shil-
lings and Two-pence shall be in lieu and satisfaction of the said two
several annuities of Thirty thousand Pounds and Twenty-five thousand
Pounds, late Irish currency, now payable to the said Bank under the 25
said recited Acts.

3.
Interest on
1,250,000 £.
and 500,000 £.
due to Bank
reduced to
Three-and-
a-half per
Cent.

And be it Enacted, That from and after the Fifth day of July in
this present year, there shall also be paid and payable for ever, but subject
to the condition of redemption hereinafter mentioned, at the receipt of
Her Majesty's said Exchequer, to the Governor and Company of the said 30
Bank of Ireland, out of the said Consolidated Fund, another interest
or annuity of Fifty-six thousand five hundred and thirty-eight Pounds
Nine Shillings and Two-pence, British currency, being a sum equal to the
amount of the whole interest of the said sums of One million two hundred
and fifty thousand Pounds and Five hundred thousand Pounds, late 35
Irish currency, at the rate of Three Pounds Ten Shillings per centum
per annum, and which annuity or interest shall be paid by Two equal
half-yearly payments to the Governor and Company of the said Bank,
without any defalcation or abatement, on the Fifth day of January
and the Fifth day of July in each year; the first payment of the said 40
annuity or interest to be made on the Fifth day of January One
thousand eight hundred and Forty, and the said annuity of Fifty-six
thousand five hundred and thirty-eight Pounds Nine Shillings and Two-
pence shall be in lieu and satisfaction of the said annuity of Fifty
thousand Pounds, Irish currency, and of the interest, at the rate of Four
Pounds

Pounds per centum per annum, on the said sum of Five hundred thousand Pounds, late Irish currency, now payable to the said Bank under the said recited Acts.

- And be it Enacted, That the repayment of the said respective
 5 sums of Six hundred thousand Pounds, and Five hundred thousand Pounds, and One million two hundred and fifty thousand Pounds, and Five hundred thousand Pounds, all late Irish currency, and the interest thereof at the rate aforesaid, shall be and the same is hereby made chargeable upon the said Consolidated Fund until Parliament
 10 shall otherwise provide.

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 Repayment
 of Advances
 by Bank and
 Interest
 charged on
 the Consolidated Fund.

- AND whereas by the hereinbefore recited Act passed in the Parliament of Ireland in the thirty-sixth year of the reign of his Majesty King GEORGE the Third, a certain annual sum was made payable by the Governor and Company of the said Bank on the
 15 Twenty-fourth day of June in every year, into the receipt of his then Majesty's Exchequer, for the use of his said Majesty, his heirs and successors, in respect of the monies of the suitors in his Majesty's Courts and of the public deposited in the said Bank: AND whereas other arrangements have been since made in respect of the said
 20 Suitors' Fund, and it is reasonable that the said payment by the said Bank of Ireland into the said Exchequer should cease; BE it therefore Enacted, That from and after the Twenty-fourth day of June in this present year, the same shall cease and determine, and be deemed to have ceased and determined.

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 6th sec. of 56
 Geo. 3, c. 1.

- And be it Enacted, That an Account of the amount of Bullion and Securities in the Bank of Ireland belonging to the said Governor and Company, and of Notes in circulation, and of Deposits in the said Bank, shall be transmitted weekly to the Chancellor of the Exchequer for the time being, and such Accounts shall be consolidated at the
 30 end of every month, and an average state of the Bank Accounts of the preceding Three Months, made from such consolidated Accounts as aforesaid, shall be published every month in the next succeeding London and Dublin Gazette.

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 Bullion,
 Notes in cir-
 culation, &c.
 to be sent
 weekly to the
 Chancellor of
 the Exchequer
 for the
 time being.

- AND whereas it is expedient that the name or names of the
 35 person or persons entrusted and authorized by the Governor and Company of the said Bank to sign their Promissory Notes on behalf of the Governor and Company of the said Bank, should be impressed by machinery, in such form as may from time to time be adopted by the Governor and Company of the said Bank, instead of being
 40 subscribed in the hand writing of such person or persons respectively; AND whereas doubts may arise respecting the validity of such notes; BE it therefore Declared and Enacted, That all Promissory Notes

7.
 CLAUSES (A.)
 Bank may
 cause an im-
 pression to
 be made upon
 the Notes by
 Machinery in
 lieu of Signa-
 tures.

of the Governor and Company of the said Bank, whereon the name or names of any person intrusted or authorized to sign such notes on behalf of the Governor and Company of the said Bank shall or may be impressed by machinery provided for that purpose by the Governor and Company of the said Bank, and with the authority of the Governor and Company of the said Bank, shall be and be taken to be good and valid to all intents and purposes, as if such notes had been subscribed in the proper hand-writing of the person or persons intrusted or authorized by the Governor and Company of the said Bank to sign the same respectively, and shall be deemed and taken to be Bank Notes within the meaning of all laws and statutes whatsoever, and shall and may be described as Bank Notes in all indictments and other criminal and civil proceedings whatsoever; any law, statute or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

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55 Geo. 3,
c. 103.

So much of
recited Act
63 Geo. 3,
c. 100, as
exempts
Bank Notes,
due from the
Duty thereby
made pay-
able, and
authorizing
compensation
to be made
in lieu, shall
be repealed.

And be it Enacted, That so much of an Act passed in the fifty-fifth year of the reign of his Majesty King GEORGE the Third, intituled, "An Act to provide for the Collection and Management of Stamp Duties payable on Bills of Exchange, Promissory Notes, Receipts and Game Certificates in Ireland," as exempts Bank Notes and Bank Post Bills issued by the Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland from any of the said duties by the said Act or any other Act charged and made payable, upon payment of such compensation as in the said Act mentioned, for and in lieu of the stamp duties payable on Bank Notes and Bank Post Bills issued by them, shall be and the same is hereby repealed: Provided always, That nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to charge the said Governor and Company with the payment of any duty or composition as hereinafter provided, for any such Notes or Bills, during the time for which any such compensation shall have been actually and bona fide paid and made before the passing of this Act.

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CLAUSE (B.)
Bank of Ire-
land having
Notes, to pay
a certain Com-
pensation for
Stamps on the
average
amount in
circulation.

Provided always, and be it Enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Governor and Company of the said Bank of Ireland to issue on unstamped paper their Promissory Notes, being respectively for any sum not exceeding One hundred Pounds, expressed to be payable to the bearer on demand, or to order at any period, not exceeding Seven Days after date; and that the Governor and Company of the said Bank do and shall from time to time enter or cause to be entered in a book or books to be kept for that purpose, an account of all such unstamped Notes as they shall so issue, specifying the amount or value thereof respectively, and the several dates of the issuing thereof; and in like manner also a similar account of all such unstamped Notes as, having been issued as aforesaid, shall have been cancelled, and the dates of the cancelling thereof, and do and shall from time to time, when thereunto requested, produce and show such accounts

accounts to, and permit the same to be examined and inspected by, the Commissioners of Stamps and Taxes, or any officer of Stamps appointed under the hands and seals of the said Commissioners for that purpose; and also do and shall deliver to the said Commissioners of Stamps and Taxes half yearly, (that is to say) within Fourteen Days after the First day of January and the First day of July in every year, a just and true account in writing, verified upon the oath or affirmation (which any Justice of the Peace is hereby empowered to administer), to the best of the knowledge and belief of their accountant general, or of such other officer as shall be deputed by the Governor and Company of the said Bank to act in behalf of such accountant general, of the amount or value of all unstamped Notes issued under the provisions of this Act in circulation within the meaning of this Act on a given day, (that is to say) on Saturday in every week, for the space of half a year prior to the half-yearly day immediately preceding the delivery of such account, together with the average amount or value of such Notes so in circulation according to such account; and also do and shall pay or cause to be paid to the Receiver General of Stamp Duties in Ireland, or to some other person duly authorized by the Commissioners of Stamps and Taxes to receive the same, as a composition for the duties which would otherwise have been payable for such unstamped Notes issued or in circulation during such half year, the sum of One Shilling and Sixpence for every One hundred Pounds, and also for the fractional part of One hundred Pounds of the said average amount or value of such Notes in circulation, according to the true intent and meaning of this Act.

And be it Enacted, That every unstamped Promissory Note issued under the provisions of this Act, shall, for the purpose of payment of duty, be deemed to be in circulation from the day of the issuing to the day of the cancelling thereof, both days inclusive, excepting nevertheless the period during which such Note shall be in the hands of the Cashier or any other Public Officer of the said Bank of Ireland.

10.
CASHIER (C)
For what period Notes are to be deemed in circulation.

And be it Enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for any number of persons united or to be united in any society or co-partnership in Ireland, consisting of more than Six in number, to draw or accept any Bill of Exchange whatsoever which shall not be payable at a shorter date than Ten Days' after sight, and which shall not be for an amount less than Ten Pounds, all the individuals composing such society or co-partnership being liable and responsible for the due payment of such Bills in like manner as for the due payment of any Bill which they may now lawfully make, accept or issue, any thing contained in the hereinbefore recited Act made in the Parliament of Ireland in the twenty-first and twenty-second years of the reign of his Majesty King GEORGE the Third, or

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Banks, though exceeding six in number, may draw or accept Bills payable at not less than Ten Days' sight, and for not less than 10*l.* in amount.

in the said recited Acts of the first and second years, or of the sixth year of King GEORGE the Fourth, or of the first year of his late Majesty, or in any other Act or Acts, or any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

12.
Banks issuing
Notes of
value Fifty
Miles from
Dublin may
have houses
of business
within that
limit for all
but certain
purposes.

And be it Enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any number 5
of persons united, or to be united, in any society or co-partnership in
Ireland, consisting of more than Six in number, and issuing at any
establishment or house of business, at any place or places exceeding the
distance of Fifty Miles of the late Irish measurement from Dublin, and
not elsewhere, any Bills or Notes of such society or co-partnership, made 10
payable to bearer, on demand, at the place or places where such Bills or
Notes may be so issued, to have another house or houses of business in
Dublin, and to pay thereat their said Bills or Notes payable to bearer
on demand, for the purpose of withdrawing them from circulation in
Dublin, or within the said distance of Dublin, and also to draw, 15
accept, and pay thereat, their Bills of Exchange payable at not less
than Ten Days after sight, for an amount not less than Ten Pounds;
and to transact thereat any other business of such society or co-part-
nership, save and except the issuing or re-issuing their notes payable
to Bearer on demand, and also save and except the keeping of cash 20
of, or for any person or persons, or the keeping of deposit accounts to
be drawn upon cheques or drafts; and no such society or co-partnership
shall, by reason of having such other house or houses of business
as aforesaid, for such purposes as aforesaid, or transacting thereat
the business of such society or co-partnership, save as aforesaid, be 25
deemed or taken to be a society or co-partnership, having their establish-
ments or houses of business less than Fifty Miles of the late Irish
measurement from Dublin, within the meaning of the said recited Acts
or this Act.

13.
This Act not
to exempt
Banks from
penalties pre-
viously incur-
red, nor to
authorize
them to bor-
row money
contrary to
21 & 22 Geo 3,
save as pro-
vided by the
recited Acts
and this Act.

Provided always, and be it Enacted, That nothing in this Act con- 30
tained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to exempt any society or
co-partnership from any penalties they are now liable to, for having
already borrowed, owed or taken up any sum or sums of money on
any Promissory Note or Bill of any such society or co-partnership, or
for having made or issued or re-issued any Bill or Note of such 35
society or co-partnership contrary to the provisions of the said recited
Acts, and that nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize
or empower any such society or co-partnership to borrow, owe or take
up any sum or sums of money in England or in Dublin, or within
Fifty Miles of the late Irish measurement thereof, nor to make or issue 40
or re-issue any Bill or Bills of Exchange or Promissory Note or Notes
of such society or co-partnership, contrary to the provisions of the said
recited Act of the twenty-first and twenty-second years of the reign of
his Majesty King GEORGE the Third, save as provided by the said
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recited Acts of the first and second years and of the sixth year of the reign of his Majesty King GEORGE the Fourth, and of the first year of his late Majesty, and by this Act.

Provided also, and be it Enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to abridge or prejudice, or to put any construction on the said recited Acts, or any of them, tending to abridge or prejudice any powers or privileges which any societies or co-partnerships are authorized and entitled to use or exercise, under or by virtue of the hereinbefore recited Acts, or any of them, save and except that no societies or co-partnerships are or shall be considered as authorized or empowered by the said recited Acts, or any of them, or this Act, to issue or re-issue any Bills or Notes made payable to bearer on demand in Dublin, or any place within Fifty Miles of the late Irish measurement thereof; and that no society or co-partnership consisting of more than Six persons, and issuing at any establishment or house of business at any place exceeding the distance of Fifty Miles, late Irish measurement, from Dublin, any Bills or Notes of such society or co-partnership made payable to bearer on demand, shall be considered as authorized or empowered to keep cash of or for any person or persons at, or to keep deposit accounts to be drawn upon by cheques or drafts at any house or houses of business in Dublin which under the provisions of this Act they may lawfully have

14.
This Act not to be construed to extend to abridge or prejudice powers of Bankers; but not to give power of issuing or circulating Notes payable on demand at Dublin, or within Fifty Irish miles thereof, nor to authorize Banks of Issue to keep deposit accounts in Dublin.

AND whereas by the said recited Act passed in the sixth year of the reign of his Majesty King GEORGE the Fourth, it was among other things enacted, that between the Twenty-fifth day of March in any year, and the Twenty-fifth day of March following, an account or return should be made out by the Secretary, or some other officer, of every society or co-partnership in Ireland, consisting of more than Six in number, and not having the establishments or houses of business of such society or co-partnership at any place or places less than Fifty Miles distant from Dublin, and that such account or return should be signed by such Secretary or other officer, and should be verified by the oath of such officer taken before any Justice of the Peace (and which oath any Justice of the Peace was thereby authorized and empowered to administer), according to the form contained in the Schedule, Number 1, to the now reciting Act annexed; and that in every such account or return there should be set forth the true name or firm of such society or co-partnership, and also the names and places of abode of all the partners concerned or engaged in such society or co-partnership, as the same respectively appear on the books of such society or co-partnership, and the firm and name of and every bank or banks established or to be established by such society or co-partnership, and also the names of Two or more individuals of such society or co-partnership resident in Ireland, each and every of whom should respectively be considered as a public officer of such society or co-partnership, and the title of office

15.
Sections 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 19, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 24 of the 6th c. 42, repealed.

or other description of every such individual respectively, in the name
 of any one of whom such society or co-partnership should sue and be
 sued, as in the said now reciting Act provided, and also the name of
 every town and place where any such Bills or Notes should be issued by
 any such society or co-partnership, or by any agent or agents of any
 such society or co-partnership; and that every such account or return
 should be produced at the Stamp Office in Dublin, and an entry and
 registry thereof made in a book or books to be kept for that purpose at
 the said Stamp Office by some person or persons to be appointed for
 that purpose by the Commissioners of Stamp Duties; and that if, after
 the passing of the now reciting Act, any such society or co-partnership
 should omit or neglect to deliver at the Stamp Office in Dublin such
 account and returns as by such Act required, such society or co-part-
 nership should, for each and every week they should so neglect to
 make such account and return, forfeit the sum of Five hundred Pounds;
 and it was by the now reciting Act further enacted, that whenever
 any entry and registry of the firm or name of any such society or co-
 partnership should be made at the Stamp Office, in manner aforesaid, at
 any time between the Twenty-fifth day of March in any year, and the
 Twenty-fifth day of March following, a certificate of such entry or re-
 gistry should be granted by the said Commissioners of Stamps, or by
 some person deputed and authorized by the said Commissioners for that
 purpose, to the society or co-partnership by or on whose behalf such
 entry or registry should be made, and that such certificate should be
 written on vellum, parchment or paper, duly stamped with the stamp
 required by law for certificates to be taken out yearly by any Banker or
 Bankers in Ireland; and that a separate and distinct certificate on a
 separate piece of vellum, parchment or paper, with a separate and
 distinct stamp, should be granted for and in respect of every town and
 place where any such Bill or Note should be issued by any such
 society or co-partnership, or by any agent or agents for or on account
 of such society or co-partnership; and that every such certificate
 should specify the proper firm, style, title or name of such society or
 co-partnership under which such Notes were to be issued, and also
 the name of the town or place, or the several towns or places where
 such Notes were to be issued, and the christian and surname and
 place of abode and title of office or other description of the several
 individuals named respectively, as the public officers of such
 society or co-partnership in the name of any one of whom such
 society or co-partnership should sue and be sued; and that every
 certificate should be dated on the day on which the same should be
 granted, and should have effect and continue in force from the day of
 the date thereof until the Twenty-fifth day of March following, both
 inclusive, and no longer, and should be sufficient evidence of the
 appointment and authority of such public officers respectively; and
 it was by the now reciting Act further enacted, that all actions
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and suits, and also all petitions to found any sequestration, or any commission of bankruptcy, against any person or persons who may be at any time indebted to any such society or co-partnership, and all proceedings at law or in equity under any sequestration or commission of bankruptcy, and all other proceedings at law and in equity to be commenced or instituted for or on behalf of any such society or co-partnership, against any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, or others, whether members of such society or co-partnership or otherwise, for recovering any debts or enforcing any claims or demands due to such society or co-partnership, or for any other matter relating to the concerns of such society or co-partnership, should and lawfully might, from and after the passing of the now reciting Act, be commenced or instituted and prosecuted in the name of any one of the public officers nominated as aforesaid for the time being of such society or co-partnership as the nominal plaintiff or petitioner for and on behalf of such society or co-partnership; and that all actions or suits and proceedings at law or in equity to be commenced or instituted by any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, or others, whether members of such society or co-partnership or otherwise, against such society or co-partnership, should and lawfully might be commenced, instituted and prosecuted against any one of the public officers nominated as aforesaid for the time being of such society or co-partnership as the nominal defendant for and on behalf of such society or co-partnership; and that all indictments, informations and prosecutions by or on behalf of such society or co-partnership, for any stealing or embezzlement of any money, goods, effects, bills, notes, securities or other property of or belonging to such society or co-partnership, or for any fraud, forgery, crime or offence committed against or with intent to injure or defraud such society or co-partnership, should and lawfully might be had, preferred and earned on in the name of any one of the public officers nominated as aforesaid for the time being of such society or co-partnership; and that in all indictments and informations to be had or preferred by or on behalf of such society or co-partnership against any person or persons whomsoever, notwithstanding such person or persons may happen to be a member or members of such society or co-partnership, it should be lawful and sufficient to state the money, goods, effects, bills, notes, securities or other property of such society or co-partnership, to be the money, goods, effects, bills, notes, securities or other property of any one of the public officers nominated as aforesaid for the time being of such society or co-partnership; and that any forgery, fraud, crime or other offence committed against or with intent to injure or defraud such society or co-partnership should and lawfully might in such indictment or indictments, notwithstanding as aforesaid, be laid or stated to have been committed against or with intent to injure or defraud any one of the public officers nominated as aforesaid for the

time being of such society or co-partnership, and that any offender or offenders might thereupon be lawfully convicted for any such forgery, fraud, crime or offence; and that in all other allegations, indictments, informations or other proceedings of any kind whatsoever, in which it otherwise might or would have been necessary to state the names of the persons composing such society or co-partnership, it should and might be lawful and sufficient to state the name of any one of the public officers nominated as aforesaid for the time being of such society or co-partnership; and that the death, resignation, removal, or any act of such public officer should not abate or prejudice any such action, suit, indictment, information, prosecution or other proceeding commenced against or by or on behalf of such society or co-partnership, but that the same might be continued, prosecuted and carried on in the name of any other of the public officers of such society or co-partnership for the time being; and it was by the now reciting Act further enacted, that no person or persons, or body or bodies politic or corporate, having or claiming to have any demand upon or against any such society or corporation, should bring more than one action or suit in respect of such demand; and that the proceedings in any action or suit by or against any one of the public officers nominated as aforesaid for the time being of such society or co-partnership might be pleaded in bar of any other action or actions, suit or suits, for the same demand, by or against any other of the public officers of such society or co-partnership; and it was by the now reciting Act further enacted, that it should and might be lawful for any person or persons obtaining a judgment in any of his Majesty's Courts of Record in Dublin, against any such public officer for the time being of any such society or co-partnership; and such person or persons was and were thereby empowered, by warrant under hand and seal, reciting the effect of such judgment, to authorize any Attorney or Attornies in Great Britain to appear for such public officer in an action of debt to be brought in any Court of Record in Great Britain against such public officer at the suit of the person or persons obtaining such judgment in Ireland, and thereupon to confess judgment forthwith in such action for a sum equal to the sum for which judgment should have been so obtained in Ireland, together with the costs of such proceeding; and that such judgment should be thereupon entered up of record in the said Court in Great Britain against such public officer, and should have the like effect in Great Britain against the members of such society or co-partnership as the original judgment so obtained in Ireland; and it was by the now reciting Act further enacted, that it should and might be lawful for any person or persons obtaining a judgment in any court of law in Great Britain against any such public officer for the time being of any such society or co-partnership in Ireland, and such person or persons was and were thereby empowered, by warrant under hand and seal, recit-

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ing the effect of such judgment, to authorize any Attorney or Attor-
 nesses in Ireland to appear for such public officer in an action of debt
 to be brought in any Court of Record in Ireland against such public
 officer, at the suit of the person or persons obtaining such judgment
 in Great Britain for a sum equal to the sum for which judgment
 should have been obtained in Great Britain, together with the costs
 of such proceeding; and that such judgment should be thereupon
 entered up of record in the said Court in Ireland against such Public
 officer, and should have the same effect in Ireland against the mem-
 bers of such society or co-partnership as the original judgment so ob-
 tained in Great Britain; and it was by the now reciting Act further
 enacted, that all and every decree or decrees, order or orders made
 or pronounced in any suit or proceeding in any Court of Equity
 against any public officer of any such society or co-partnership should
 have the like effect and operation upon and against the property and
 funds of such society or co-partnership, and upon and against the per-
 sons and property of every member thereof as if all the members of
 such society or co-partnership were parties before the Court to and in
 any such suit or proceeding; and that it should and might be lawful for
 any Court in which such order or decree should have been made to
 cause such order and decree to be enforced against any, every or any
 member of such society or co-partnership, in like manner as if every
 member of such society or co-partnership were parties before such
 Court to and in such suit or proceeding; and it was by the now recit-
 ing Act further enacted, that an Act passed in the forty-first year of the
 reign of King GEORGE the Third, intitled, "An Act for the more
 speedy and effectual Recovery of Debts due to his Majesty, his Heirs
 and Successors, in Right of the Crown of the United Kingdom of Great
 Britain and Ireland, and for the better Administration of Justice
 within the same;" and also an Act passed in the fifth year of
 his present Majesty, intitled, "An Act to amend an Act of the
 Forty-first Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King GEORGE the
 Third for the more speedy and effectual Recovery of Debts due
 to his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, in Right of the Crown of the
 United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and for the better
 Administration of Justice within the same," should extend to all suits,
 matters and proceedings in any Court of Equity in England or Ire-
 land, in which any public officer of such society or co-partnership
 should be a party, in like manner as if all the members of such society
 or co-partnership were parties before the Court in such suits, matters
 and proceedings; and it was by the now reciting Act further enacted,
 that it should and might be lawful for any person or persons obtaining
 any judgment in any Court of Law, or decree or order in any Court of
 Equity, against any public officer of any such society or co-partner-
 ship, to produce an office copy of such judgment, decree or order,
 under the seal of the Court in which judgment, decree or order should
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have been obtained, to one of the principal Clerks in the Court of Ses-
 sion in Scotland, or his deputy, for registration there, and such judg-
 ment, decree or order should thereupon be registrable and registered
 there, in like manner as a bond executed according to the law of Scot-
 land, with a Clause of registration therein contained, and that execution
 might and should pass upon a decree to be interponed thereto, in like
 manner as execution passes upon a decree interponed to such bond, and
 should have the like effect upon and against all and every or any of the
 members of such society or co-partnership as if such members had exe-
 cuted such bond; and it was by the now reciting Act further
 enacted, that all and every judgment and judgments which should
 at any time after the passing of the said reciting Act be had
 or recovered or entered up as aforesaid in any action, suit or
 proceedings in law or equity against any public officer of any such
 society or co-partnership, should have the like effect and operation upon
 and against the property of such society or co-partnership, and upon
 and against the property of every member thereof, as if such judg-
 ment or judgments had been recovered or obtained against such society
 or co-partnership themselves; and that the bankruptcy, insolvency or
 stopping payment of any such public officer for the time being of such
 society or co-partnership in his individual character or capacity, should
 not be, nor be construed to be, the bankruptcy, insolvency or stopping
 payment of such society or co-partnership, and that such society or
 co-partnership and every member thereof, and the capital stock and
 effects of such society or co-partnership, and the effects of every
 member of such society or co-partnership, should in all cases, notwith-
 standing the bankruptcy, insolvency or stopping payment of any such
 public officer, be attached and attachable, and be in all respects liable
 to the lawful claims and demands of the creditor and creditors of such
 society or co-partnership as if no such bankruptcy, insolvency or stop-
 ping payment of such public officer of such society or co-partnership
 had happened or taken place; and it was by the now reciting
 Act further enacted, that execution upon any judgment in any
 action obtained against any public officer for the time being of
 any such society or co-partnership, whether as plaintiff or defendant,
 might be issued against any member or members for the time
 being of such society or co-partnership; and that in case any such
 execution against any member or members for the time being of
 such society or co-partnership should be ineffectual for obtaining
 payment and satisfaction of the amount of such judgment, it should
 be lawful for the party or parties so having obtained judgment against
 such public officer for the time being, to issue execution against any
 person or persons who was or were a member or members of such
 society or co-partnership at the time when the contract or con-
 tracts, or engagement or engagements on which such judgment might
 have been obtained, was or were entered into: Provided always,
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That no such execution as last-mentioned should be issued without leave first granted on motion in open Court, by the Court in which such judgment should have been obtained, and which motion should be made on notice to the person or persons sought to be charged, nor after the expiration of Three years next after any such person or persons shall have ceased to be a member or members of such society or co-partnership; and it was by the now reciting Act provided and enacted, that every such public officer, in whose name any such suit or action should have been commenced, prosecuted or defended, and every person or persons against whom execution upon any judgment obtained or entered up as aforesaid in any such action shall be issued as aforesaid, should always be reimbursed and fully indemnified for all loss, damages, costs and charges, without deduction, which any such officer or person may have incurred by reason of such execution, out of the funds of such society or co-partnership, or in failure thereof, by contribution from the other members of such society or co-partnership, as in the ordinary cases of co-partnerships; and it was by the now reciting Act further enacted, that if any person or persons, being a member or members of any co-partnership of Bankers in Ireland, should steal or embezzle any money, goods, effects, bills, notes, securities or other property of or belonging to such society or co-partnership, or should commit any fraud, forgery, crime or offence against or with intent to injure or defraud such society or co-partnership, such member or members should be liable to indictment, information, prosecution or other proceeding, in the name of any one of the public officers nominated for the time being of such society or co-partnership, for every such fraud, forgery, crime or offence, and might thereupon be lawfully convicted, as if such person or persons had not been, or was or were not a member or members of such society or co-partnership, any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding; and it was by the now reciting Act further enacted, that it should and might be lawful for any and every member of any and every such society or co-partnership, their respective executors, administrators and assigns, to sell and transfer any share or shares, or portion or portions of, or the entire stock or interest which any such member respectively should or might be respectively entitled to or possessed of in such society or co-partnership, and the property and funds thereof, subject to such regulations and under such restrictions as may be required by the constitution of such society or co-partnership; and that whenever any such sale and transfer shall be made, a return or account thereof, in the form set forth in the Schedule, marked Number Three, to the now reciting Act annexed, should be made upon oath, in manner thereinbefore directed, by the Secretary or other officer of such society or co-partnership, and be from time to time produced, entered and registered at the Stamp Office in Dublin, in the book containing the then last register of such society or co-partnership; and the person or persons to whom such

transfer should be made should be and stand in all respects and to all intents and purposes in the place and stead of the person or persons making such transfer: Provided always, that nothing in the said reciting Act contained should be deemed, taken or construed to discharge or release any member or members making any such transfer as aforesaid, of or from the being liable to or responsible for the due payment of the Bills, Notes and other engagements of such society or co-partnership, existing at the time of the entry or register of such transfer, or of or from any action, suit, judgment or execution in respect of the same, according to the provisions of the said now reciting Act: Provided always, that no such transfer as aforesaid should take place without the consent of the directors for the time being of any such society or co-partnership; nor should any transfer be valid unless signed by One or more of such directors, as the Court of Directors for the time being of such society or co-partnership might from time to time determine, in testimony of the Court of Directors having consented to such transfer; and it was by the now reciting Act further enacted, that every penalty, forfeiture and sum of money to be forfeited under the now reciting Act, by reason of any omission or neglect of any of the regulations therein enacted, might be sued for and recovered in any of his Majesty's Courts of Record at Dublin by any person, by action of debt, bill, plaint or information, provided such action be commenced within Twelve calendar months next after such offence committed, in which action there should not be any essoin or wager of law, nor more than one imparlance allowed; and that all sums to be recovered should be applied, one moiety thereof to the use of the person who should sue for the same, and the other moiety to the use of his Majesty, his heirs and successors: And whereas by the hereinbefore recited Act passed in the first year of the reign of his late Majesty, reciting the hereinbefore last-recited Act, it was enacted, that from and after the passing of the said Act of the first year of his late Majesty's reign, it should and might be lawful to and for such societies or co-partnerships from time to time, and at any times between the Twenty-fifth day of March in any year and the Twenty-fifth day of March in the succeeding year, to make out upon oaths, and cause to be delivered to the Commissioners of Stamps, in manner mentioned in the said last-recited Act of the sixth year of the reign of King GEORGE the Fourth, a further account or return, or further accounts or returns, according to the form contained in the Schedule to the now reciting Act annexed, of the name or names of any person or persons who should have been nominated or appointed a new or additional public officer or public officers of such society or co-partnership, or of the name of any new or additional town or towns, or place or places, where such Bills or Notes were or were intended to be issued, and where the same were to be made payable, or of both or either of the above matters, together

Sections 5, 7,
6 and 8 of
1 Wm. 4, c. 32,
repealed.

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or separately; and that such further accounts or returns should from time to time be filed, and kept and entered and registered at the Stamp Office in Dublin, in like manner as is by the said Act of the sixth year of the reign of King GEORGE the Fourth required with respect to the original or annual account or return thereby directed to be made, and that thereupon an additional certificate or additional certificates of such account and return or accounts and returns should be granted by the persons, and in the same manner, and upon the same stamps, and containing the same particulars as in the said recited Act of the sixth year of the reign of his present Majesty particularly mentioned; and which additional certificate or certificates should have effect and continue in force from the day of the date thereof until the Twenty-fifth day of March following, and no longer, and should be sufficient evidence of the appointment and authority of the public officers respectively; and it was by the now reciting Act further enacted, that a copy of any such account or return so filed or kept and registered at the Stamp Office as by the said recited Act of the sixth year of the reign of his present Majesty, and by the now reciting Act directed, and which copy should be certified to be a true copy under the hand or hands of one or more of the Commissioners of Stamps, or other officer or officers of the Stamp Office in London or Dublin for the time being, upon proof made that such certificate had been signed with the handwriting of the person or persons making the same, and whom it should not be necessary to prove to be a Commissioner or Commissioners, officer or officers, should in all proceedings, civil or criminal, and in all cases whatsoever, be received in evidence as proof of the appointment and authority of the public officers named in such account or return, and also of the fact that all persons named therein as members of such society or co-partnership were members thereof at the date of such account or return; and it was by the said reciting Act further enacted, that the said Commissioners of Stamps or other officers of the Stamp Office for the time being should and they were thereby required, upon application made to them by any person or persons requiring a copy, certified according to the now reciting Act, of any such account or return as aforesaid, in order to deliver to the person or persons so applying for the same such certified copy, be, she or they paying for the same the sum of Ten Shillings, and no more; and it was by the now reciting Act farther enacted and declared to be the true intent and meaning of the said recited Act of the sixth year of the reign of King GEORGE the Fourth, that such societies and co-partnerships were not and should not be liable or obliged to make any return or account to the Stamp Office in Dublin of any sale or transfer of their shares which should take place between the Twenty-fifth day of March in any year and the Twenty-fifth day of March in the succeeding year; but that the said

The recited
statutes of
6 Geo. 4, c.
41, and of
1 Will. 4, c.
32, extended
to Bankings
Partnerships
within Fifty
Miles of Dub-
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societies or co-partnerships should only be liable and obliged to make an account or return to the Stamp Office in Dublin once in every year in the manner and containing the particulars in the said Act mentioned; BE it Enacted, That the said hereinbefore recited provisions of the said Acts passed respectively in the sixth year of the reign of his Majesty King GEORGE the Fourth, and in the first year of the reign of his late Majesty King WILLIAM the Fourth, shall from and after the passing of this Act, apply and extend to any and every society or co-partnership for banking in Ireland, consisting of more than Six persons, and having their establishments or houses of business at Dublin or less than Fifty Miles distant from Dublin, as fully and effectually as to societies or partnerships consisting of more than Six in number, and not having the establishments or houses of business of such society or co-partnership at any place or places less than Fifty Miles distant from Dublin, and to the members thereof for the time being, during the continuance of such society or co-partnership, whether the same do or shall consist of all, or some only of the persons who originally were, or at the time of the passing of this Act may have subscribed to, or may be members of any such society or co-partnership, or of all or some only of those persons, together with some or other persons, or entirely of some other persons, all of whom became or may become members of such society or co-partnership at any time after the original institution thereof, or subsequent to the passing of this Act.

16.
S & 4 Will. 4,
c. 32, s. 6.

AND whereas by an Act passed in the third and fourth years of the reign of his late Majesty King WILLIAM the Fourth, intitled, "An Act for giving to the Corporation of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England certain Privileges for a limited Period, under certain Conditions," it was enacted, that from and after the First day of August One thousand eight hundred and Thirty-four, unless and until Parliament should otherwise direct, a tender of a Note or Notes of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, expressed to be payable to bearer on demand, should be a legal tender to the amount expressed in such Note or Notes, and should be taken to be valid as a tender to such amount for all sums above Five Pounds on all occasions on which any tender of money may be legally made, so long as the Bank of England should continue to pay on demand their said Notes in legal coin: Provided always, that no such Note or Notes should be deemed a legal tender of payment by the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, or any Branch Bank of the said Governor and Company: AND whereas doubts have arisen as to the extent of the said Enactment; for removal whereof, BE it Enacted and Declared, That nothing in the said last-recited Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to make the tender of a Note or Notes of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England a legal tender in Ireland.

Bank of Eng-
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And be it Enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act it shall not be necessary for any Governor, Deputy-governor or Director of the said Bank, before acting in the said several offices or trusts, to make and subscribe the declaration pursuant to the Act of Parliament made in the Kingdom of Ireland, intituled, "An Act to prevent the farther Growth of Popery," nor to take any other oaths than the oaths of allegiance, the oath of qualification by possession of stock and the oath of fidelity to the corporation prescribed in and by the Charter of Incorporation of the Governor and Company of the said Bank; and that it shall not be necessary for any member of the said corporation before voting in any General Court, to make and subscribe the aforesaid declaration, nor to take any other oaths than the oath of allegiance, the oath of qualification by the possession of stock, and the oath of fidelity to the said corporation provided in the said Charter of Incorporation: Provided always, That in case any of the persons called Quakers shall at any time be chosen Governor, Deputy Governor or Director, or shall be or become a member of the said corporation, it shall be sufficient for such person or persons to make his or their solemn affirmation to the purport and effect of the oaths prescribed by the said Charter, and by this Act to be taken by Governors, Deputy Governors, Directors or members respectively of the said corporation.

17.
Clergy & (D) Clergy Oaths only shall be taken by the Governor, Directors and Proprietors of Bank of Ireland.

And be it Enacted, That upon One Year's notice, given within Six Months after the expiration of Ten Years from the First day of August One thousand eight hundred and Thirty-four, and upon repayment by Parliament to the Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland, or their successors, of the said sum of Six hundred thousand Pounds, as also of the said herebefore first-mentioned sum of Five hundred thousand Pounds, as also of the said sum of One million two hundred and fifty thousand Pounds, as also of the said herebefore secondly-mentioned sum of Five hundred thousand Pounds, all late Irish currency, as also of all arrears of the said several annuities of Thirty-five thousand five hundred and thirty-eight Pounds Nine Shillings and Two-pence, and Fifty-six thousand five hundred and thirty-eight Pounds Nine Shillings and Two-pence, as also of all other principal monies and interest due from the public to the Governor and Company of the said Bank at the expiration of such notice, in like manner as is hereinafter stipulated and provided, in the event of such notice being deferred until after the First day of August One thousand eight hundred and Fifty-five, the said several annuities, and the said exclusive privileges of banking granted by the recited Acts and this Act, shall cease and determine at the expiration of such year's notice; and the said Corporation shall be dissolved; and any vote or resolution of The House of Commons, signified by the Speaker of the said House in writing, and delivered at the public office of the Governor

18.
Exclusive privileges hereby given to end upon One Year's Notice given within Six Months after the expiration of Ten Years from 1834.

vernor and Company of the said Bank, or their successors, shall be deemed and adjudged to be a sufficient notice.

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And be it Enacted, That all the powers, authorities, franchises, privileges and advantages given or recognized by the said recited Acts, or any other Act or Acts now in force, as belonging to or enjoyed by the Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland, and all obligations, duties and liabilities thereby imposed upon the Governor and Company of the said Bank, shall be and the same are hereby declared to be in full force and continued by this Act, except so far as the same are altered by this Act, subject nevertheless to such redemption upon the terms and conditions following; (that is to say) that at any time upon Twelve Months' notice to be given after the First day of August One thousand eight hundred and Fifty-five, and upon repayment by Parliament to the Governor and Company of the said Bank of Ireland, or their successors, of the said sum of Six hundred thousand Pounds, as also of the hereinbefore first-mentioned sum of Five hundred thousand Pounds, as also of the said sum of One million two hundred and fifty thousand Pounds, as also of the hereinbefore secondly mentioned sum of Five hundred thousand Pounds, all late Irish currency, as also of all arrears of the said several annuities of Thirty-five thousand five hundred and thirty-eight Pounds Nine Shillings and Two-pence, and Fifty-six thousand five hundred and thirty-eight Pounds Nine Shillings and Two-pence, as also of all other principal monies and interest due from the public to the Governor and Company of the said Bank at the time of such notice to be given as last aforesaid; then and in such case, and not till then (unless under the proviso hereinbefore contained), the said exclusive privileges of banking granted by the said recited Acts and this Act shall cease and determine, and the said Corporation shall be dissolved at the expiration of such notice of Twelve Months.

20.
Act may be
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repealed.

And be it Enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in this present Session of Parliament.

Bank of Ireland.

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[AS AMENDED BY THE COMMONS.]

To continue to the Governor and Company
of the Bank of Ireland certain of the Pri-
vileges now enjoyed by that Corporation,
subject to certain Conditions.

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